

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A method of manufacturing pigments, comprising:

preparing a dispersion of pigment particles, and
adding a silicic acid solution to the dispersion of the pigment particles to have silicic acid polymer deposited on surfaces of the pigment particles so that the surfaces of the pigment particles are coated homogeneously with the silicic acid polymer having refractive index of at most 1.8 to thereby reduce a change of color of the pigment particles coated with the silicic acid polymer when caprylic triglyceride or water is added.

2. (previously presented) A method of manufacturing pigments according to claim 1, wherein said pigment particles coated with the silicic acid polymer have a decrease rate of a color difference defined by Hunter's color difference formula defined in 6.3.2 of JIS Z 8730 in a range from 55 to 84 % when caprylic triglyceride is mixed at a (pigments)/(caprylic triglyceride) mixing ratio of 84/16 by weight.

3. (previously presented) A method of manufacturing pigments according to claim 1, wherein said pigment particles coated with the silicic acid polymer have a decrease rate of a color difference defined by Hunter's color difference formula defined in 6.3.2 of JIS Z 8730 in a range from 70 to 89 % when water is mixed at a (pigments)/(water) mixing ratio of 84/16 by weight.

4. (original) A method of manufacturing pigments according to claim 1, wherein said pigment particles are selected from the group consisting of, as inorganic pigments, titanium oxide, zinc oxide, zirconium oxide, cerium oxide, Indian red, yellow iron oxide, black iron oxide, ultramarine blue, dark blue, barium sulfate, titanated mica, mica, sericite, talc, bentonite, kaolin and mixed pigments with a color of human skin formed of titanium oxide and iron oxide, and as organic pigments, Red No. 202, Red No. 203, Red No. 204, Red No. 205, Red No. 207, Orange No. 203, Orange No. 204, Yellow No. 205, Blue No. 201 and Blue No. 204.

5. (original) A method of manufacturing pigments according to claim 1, wherein said silicic acid polymer is coated onto the pigment particles in a range of 1-40 weight parts relative to 100 weight parts of the pigment particles.

6. (original) A method of manufacturing pigments according to claim 1, wherein said pigment particles have an average diameter between 0.1 and 1 μm .

7. (original) A method of manufacturing cosmetics comprising adding the pigment particles with the silicic acid polymer thereon according to claim 1 to the cosmetics.

8. (original) A method of manufacturing cosmetics according to claim 7, wherein said pigment particles with the silicic acid polymer are included in the cosmetics in a range of 1-80 wt%.

9-21. (cancelled)